MoU signed with Britain for cooperation in power sector

424. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed an MoU with Britain fur greater cooperation in the power sector;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the details of the power projects which would be implemented with cooperation of Britain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In *view of reply* to (a), do not arise.

Setting up of Thermal Power Station at Sipat in M.P.

425. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to slate:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporal Kin (NTPC) has a proposal to set up a 3000 MW super thermal power station at Sipat in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the local farmers, residents and environmentalists under the banner of Sarvadaliya Kisan Morcha (SKM) and Bilaspur Central Paryavaran Samrakshan Manch (PSM) have been campaigning against the location of (he proposed plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b)Thc National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has planned to set *up* a coal based super thermal power project with a capacity of 1980 MW in Stage-I at Sipat in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh. Various clearances such as coal linkage, environmental and forest clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoE&F). and technoeconomic clearance from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) etc. arc available. Three